TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD RESOLUTION 2020-5-2

RESOLUTION INSTITUTING A GRACE PERIOD CONCLUDING ON JUNE 1, 2020 FOR THE PAYMENT OF SECOND QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive Order 103 on March 9, 2020, declaring a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, said Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, property taxpayers may be suffering from financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including, but not limited to, loss or drop of income or unexpected expected due to necessary healthcare; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a) fixes a "grace period" which can be afforded by a municipality, as its discretion, of ten (10) days following the date upon which tax payments are due to the municipality, and after which they become delinquent, which, for the Second Quarter of this year, expires May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive Order 130 on April 28, 2020, authorizing municipalities to establish a grace period extension to no later than **June 1, 2020**, for payment of Second Quarter property taxes, and that any provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a), 4-66.1(a), and 4-67(a) inconsistent with Executive Order 130 were suspended for the duration of the Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is the governing body of the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield to adopt a Resolution authorizing the extended grace period to June 1, 2020 for

the payment of Second Quarter property taxes, to help those taxpayers of the Township of Chesterfield who are not able to meet the May 11, 2020 payment date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The Township Committee does hereby institute a grace period of **June 1, 2020** for the payment of Second Quarter property taxes for properties in this municipality, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 130, for those property owners who are not able to meet the May 11, 2020 payment date.
- Second Quarter Taxes are not paid on or before June 1, 2020 shall be deemed delinquent, and shall bear interest retroactive to May 1, 2020 at the rates previously established by Resolution 2020-1-5.
- 3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the Department of Community Affairs within three (3) business days of the adoption of this Resolution.
- 4. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer and the Acting Township Administrator.

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

I, Caryn M. Hoyer, Clerk of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution approved by the Township Committee at a duly advertised meeting held on May 7, 2020 at which a quorum was present.

Caryn Hoyer, RMC Township Clerk